

Fryall octob. 26th 1768.

Dear Sir

The Inclosed Bill was under Cover, and was in the hands of Cap.<sup>t</sup> Rusden Bag. for some weeks, who was to sail before the Friday Cap.<sup>t</sup> Dunn who Loaded at Martha's Vine by whom I sent the Inclosed Bill. But there hapend to be some Difference between the Collector & Captain Rusden and he seiz'd his Ship, and by the same opportunity I had put a Box of Shadocks to be carry'd to you, so I was oblig'd to take out the Bill out of Rusden's Bag, and the Box of Shadocks from on board, and there was along time sent on Board, as it's Customary for the Captains to give out they are to sail a month before they do.

The purport of the letter I desired should go by Rusden was as follows; this one favour I have to beg of you, which is to lodge the Inclosed Bill in some good Merchants hands, that you think shall be safe intending it to, I offered it to Mr. Kerr, But he wrote me he had no occasion for it at present; He advis'd me to send it to Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Murreison & Atkinson of London and they will allow me Interest till the day they pay the Bill, that I draw for the same and he says I may draw any day I have occasion for the money.

As I am unacquainted with these Gentlemen, I choos'd to send it to you to lodge it in whose hands you think it will be more safe; Some time ago I had a thought to lodge most of what little I collected in, that was due me on Bonds I had, in Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Thomas & Stephen Fuller's hands, because I knew they are your Correspondent, and I believe of great property. But I was told they would not allow Interest on Bills, But there was other Merchants in London that would allow Interest, I dare say there is, But God knows how I should get my money when I wanted it, and to draw I have my Bills protested would come very heavy on me; for which reason I have made bold to Intrude on your good nature once more, and beg you'll lodge them in whose hands you think shall be safe in. If Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Thomas & Stephen Fuller, does not want them, I endeavour'd to sell them here, But money is so scarce, I could not

mention to you. The small pox was so thick, and mortal in the country that Mr. Kerr, thought proper to inoculate (as many Est<sup>s</sup> did in their own defence; and thank God out of 170 that was prepar'd & inoculated not one died; there is a vint down now, who got it in the nature

To  
Thomas Hall Esquire  
To the Care of Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Thomas and  
Stephen Fuller Merchants  
In London  
Capt. Dunn  
Capt. Atkinson

Mr. John Fuller Esq.  
amongst Stairs

Small pox  
1768

natural way, and she is very full Individ. as full as ever <sup>Thank</sup> God she is in  
 a fair way doing well. They are Breaking, and there is such a stretch for  
 her that there is two small negroes to do nothing But attend her with  
 Brushes to Brush away the flies; she was laying in when the others  
 was Inoculated, and some hour or other she got it; I began with a few  
 at first, with two parcels at <sup>different</sup> times, and as we had success I took in  
 all the rest that was willing (old Stazard & his wife juca too. they had  
 but very few and so had the rest that was in a good habit of Body, young  
 Stazard, Jamney, & Storumandy each had the most. However they are  
 all well; The Bigg Bellied Venches the Doct. did not Chuse to Inocul.  
 and a few of the Children that had the yaws, and also the Superannuat.  
 There was two Sulkers, Dick & Cato, who got it when they was away  
 and soon after they was brought home it came out, they got well  
 The Doct. has had very good success; we have had a heavy hand with them  
 there was life plague with the little ones, then the grown negroes  
 Care and good nursing is a great article, with the cool air.

The Consequence of the Inoculation. I am afraid will occasion a small  
 plant, as it could not be expected they could work during the preparation  
 and there was very few that had it before, while the last parcel was pre-  
 paring I had but 25 in the field, & four of them with Child. However  
 will do my Indivour to plant as much as I can, without hurting em  
 they will be a little lazy for some time; we had but little wet weather  
 as yet, a small Shower now & then; we must expect the Seasons in soon

I have no more worth to add at present, But Mr. Scotts Joint Compl.  
 to you & Family. and am  
 D. Sir

As Grand Court is near,  
 Rindens Ship, is to be tryed, and its  
 the opinion of many. She will be heard  
 If she is, as I wish she may, we will  
 send you some Shadocks yet, as there is  
 a few more on the tree - as above  
 JS

Yr. Sincere well wisher  
 J. Scott

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# Hall Family Papers and Sugar Plantation Records

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**CORRESPONDENCE - John Scott  
[overseer] to Thomas Hall, 1768 October 30**



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